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**Sent:** Sun 9/6/2015 9:39:03 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Congressionals - EOC request

**From:** Germann, Sandy  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 03, 2015 5:55 PM  
**To:** Deitz, Randy; Russo, Rebecca; EOC Public Information  
**Cc:** Levine, Carolyn; Asher, Jonathan; Grantham, Nancy; Smith, Paula; Ostrander, David  
**Subject:** RE: Congressionals - EOC request

All, RE: the Q about amount paid to the contractor, to date, I just saw this information below, which was part of a completed media response.

**Could you please provide me with an update soonest on what other projects were being funded? And I have two other questions: How much has Environmental Restoration been paid total since it started to work on the Gold King Mine? Was any money spent down river in Regions 6 and 9 after the leak?**

Your request is a much deeper dive into EPA accounting records than I can accomplish. I always try to answer as much as I can without sending reporter to FOIA. But – I want to make sure your get everything you need and I don't miss anything. You can file a FOIA online at <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home> and it will get into a process that helps make certain you get all the items you are seeking. Here is what I was able to find out . The accounting modifications (32 and 33) were for other projects in Region 8. As I reported to you

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All, Dave Ostrander just talked with me about responses to these Qs. Copying him here. He did not have the amount paid to the contractor. Let us know if we need to track down that figure. Thanks!

**Q1** Was the contractor you used experienced with mining sites? What experience did they have?

Yes, EPA Region 8 has used ER on many mining projects over the last 9+years.

**Q2** Does this contractor work on other EPA sites" If so how many?

Yes, this contractor works for at least 6 EPA regions, with multiple sites per region.

**Q3** Have you had problems with this contractor at other sites? Are they going to continue doing work at the Gold King Mine site?

No, we have not had problems. Yes, they are continuing to do work at the mine.

**Q4** How much have you paid the contractor for the work at the Gold King Mine site? Are you going to withhold future payments because of this incident?

Payment records will have to be confirmed. We do not plan to withhold payments because of this incident.

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Thank you for your help Rebecca, but these are not congressional inquiries in the sense that House or Senate staff generated them. We need to prepare the OSWER AA for a hearing next Wednesday before the House Science Committee on Gold King Mine. The QA is trying to anticipate what our AA will be asked at the hearing, thus, we need answers to these questions so he can be prepared. We don't have time for multiple layers of review since the hearing is next Wednesday. Hopefully the factual questions can be answered in a timely fashion. I appreciate everyone's help.

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**From:** Russo, Rebecca  
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**To:** EOC Public Information  
**Cc:** Deitz, Randy; Levine, Carolyn; Asher, Jonathan; Grantham, Nancy; Germann, Sandy; Smith, Paula  
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Hi Emily,

I got this from Lisa and have passed it on to Incident Command (IC), who is in charge of congressional inquiries.

Could you ensure that I am on your distribution list? This was sent to the Region 8 media team, but not to me (Region 8 Congressional Liaison).

There questions appear to be new – they are not currently on the chart of Congressional inquiries. I very much doubt a response today is feasible, but have cc'd Incident Command (Sandy Germann, Nancy Grantham and Paula Smith) to see if they feel differently.

Thanks,

Rebecca

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**Subject:** CLarification- Re: Are you working on these QAs for the Congressional Hearing?

Clarification- This email chain is from Emily not Lindsey. Emily's login is not working. Please respond to EOC Public Information.

Emily

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**From:** Bressler, Lindsey on behalf of EOC Public Information

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**To:** Smith, Paula

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**Subject:** Are you working on these QAs for the Congressional Hearing?

HI Region 8 Team,

Is anyone working on these QAs to prepare for the Congressional hearing? They have been passed around a few offices, but have been identified as being appropriate for Region 8 to draft responses. They are due today to Randy Deitz.

Thanks!

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